GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - PR&RD Department - Allegations of corruption against Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, Panchayat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District- Demand and acceptance of bribe - Trapped on 15-03-2023- Sanction of Prosecution - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No29

Dated:26/03/2024.
Read the following:

1.Radio Message from Addl., Supdt., of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati, Dated:16/03/2023 received on 28.03.2023.
2.Govt.Memo No. 2033883/Vig.V/2023, PR&RD (VIG.V) Dept., dt:03.04.2023.
3.From the Director General Anti -Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Rc.No. 16/RCT-TCT/2023, dt:13.04.2023.
4.From the Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada, Rc.No.16/RCT- TCT/2023, dated: 18.01.2024.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, worked as Panchyat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District from 01.07.2022 to 15.03.2023. By virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of "Public Servant" as defined U/sec. 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. And whereas, Sri K.Ramakrishna, S/o late K.Subba Naidu, age 66 years, Chilamathuru Village, Varadaiahpalem Mandal, Tirupati District is the Complainant in this case and living by cultivation. He has one son and one daughter. He solemnized his daughter's marriage with Sri Gudipudi Ravi Kumar, R/o Pathanalapadu Village, Dakkili Mandal, Tirupati District, who has been doing job as Software Engineer and now residing in London (UK). Sri K. Rama Krishna purchased Plot No.3 in MIG-I Lay-out in Survey Nos.88/2, 89/1, 89/4 measuring to an extent of 210.97 Sq. yards in Tada kandriga Village, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District for Rs.80,000/- from Sri B.Sivakumar Reddy and got it registered in the name of his son-in-law in the office of the SRO, Sullurpeta, Tirupati District vide Doc. No. 5811/2022 dt. 26-12-2022. When his son-in-law asked him to get the house plan approved from the Panchayat Secretary, Tada Kandriga Grama Panchayat with an intention to construct a house in the said plot, on 06-03-2023, Sri K.Ramakrishna went to Tada Village and consulted Sri P. John Sasi Kumar (Licensed Technical person) and requested him to prepare building blue print and gave registered documents. Later, on 10.03.2023, Sri K. Rama Krishna collected blue print documents from Sri John Sasi Kumar and on the same day when approached Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary, Tada kandriga Grama Panchayat and

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requested to provide building plan approval by attaching registered document, blue print papers to his application, Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary demanded Rs.55,000/- as a bribe to do his work. When Sri K. Rama Krishna expressed his inability to pay such huge amount as bribe, Sri P. Ramanaiah,Panchayat Secretary paid deaf-ear and insisted the payment of bribe amount. Again, on 14.03.2023, when Sri K. Rama Krishna approached Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary and requested to issue building plan approval, Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary again demanded Rs.55,000/- as bribe to complete his work. On repeated requests of Sri K. Rama Krishna, Sri P.Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary agreed to do the work for Rs.40,000/- and took the application along with registration documents of site, blue print papers and asked him to come on the next day at 11.00 hours and pay the bribe amount and take away the plan approval. Sri K.Ramakrishna recorded their voice conversation in his Samsung Mobile Phone memory card. Then, Sri K.Ramakrishna informed about the demanding of bribe by Sri P.Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary to his son-in-law over phone. His son-in-law suggested him to make a complaint to the ACB officials. On 14.03.2023 at 16.00 hrs, Sri K.Ramakrishna, who is unwilling to pay the bribe amount to Sri P.Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary, Tada kandriga Grama Panchayat came to the ACB office, Tirupati and lodged a complaint to the DSP, ACB, Tirupati and requested to take necessary action against him.

3) And whereas, on 15.03.2023 at 07.00 hours, the DSP, ACB, Tirupati, basing on the said complaint of Sri K.Ramakrishna, registered a case in Cr.No.03/RCT-TCT/ 2023/sec.7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 against Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary, Tada kandriga Grama Panchayat and investigated into.

4) And whereas, on 15.03.2023 at 14.30 hours, Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary, Tada kandriga Grama Panchayat was trapped in the office when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.40,000/- from Sri K. Ramakrishna with his right hand, counted the same with his both hands and kept in his wooden table right side 1st drawer.

5) And whereas, the DSP, ACB, Tirupati subjected both hand fingers of Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary to chemical test which yielded positive results. When questioned by the DSP, Sri P.Ramanaiah produced a wad of currency notes from the right side table drawer. The mediators verifed bribe amount of Rs.40,000/- that he had received from Sri K.Ramakrishna and compared the numbers of tainted currency notes with the numbers which were noted in the Pre-Trap Proceedings and found them tallied. The DSP, ACB, Tirupati also subjected the cotton swab wiped inside the wooden table right side 1st drawer of Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary to chemical test, which also yielded positive result. The DSP, ACB, Tirupati seized the tainted currency notes of Rs.40,000/-, cotton swab, along with resultant solutions. When questioned by the DSP, ACB, Sri P.Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary took two files from his table drawer. As there is prima-facie case is made out against Sri P. Ramanaiah, Panchayat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District he was arrested at 02.00 hours on 16.03.2023. During the investigation, relevant witnesses were examined and connected documents were collected which substantiate the allegations.

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6) And whereas, the said acts of Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, worked as Panchayat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District constitute an offence punishable U/sec.7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended by Act 16 of 2018).

7) And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority, to remove Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, worked as Panchayat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District from service after fully and carefully the examining materials i.e., copy of FIR, Pre-Trap & Post-Trap Proceedings, statements of witnesses and Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, which contains the gist of the statements of the witnesses and the contents of the seized documents placed before them in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, and after satisfying the prima facie evidences of commission of offense, consider that Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, worked as Panchyat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offenses.

8) Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended by Act 16 of 2018) the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Pallipati Ramanaiah, S/o Late Samuel, worked as Panchayat Secretary Grade-II, Tada Kandriga-I Grama Sachivalayam, Tada Mandal, Tirupati District for the offenses punishable under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended by Act 16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offenses punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of said offenses by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
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